

SETTLER ARRIVALS BY MARITAL STATUS

	<i>Never married</i>				
<i>Period</i>	<i>Under 15 years</i>	<i>15 years and over</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Widowed and divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
MALES					
Annual averages—					
1966-70	25,980	25,740	33,670	1,100	86,480
1971-75	17,420	14,750	22,600	1,030	55,790
1976-80	12,100	9,050	14,770	910	36,830
Annual totals—					
1978	11,350	8,450	13,810	830	34,430
1979	11,820	8,450	14,560	1,010	35,840
1980	15,340	12,020	19,760	1,370	48,500
1981	19,600	15,160	25,640	1,470	61,870
1982	17,910	12,180	23,960	1,320	55,370
1983	12,620	9,250	16,890	1,070	39,830
FEMALES					
Annual averages—					
1966-70	24,340	12,530	34,130	3,330	74,330
1971-75	16,250	9,750	25,060	2,840	53,900
1976-80	11,010	6,440	17,040	2,510	37,000
Annual totals—					
1978	9,700	5,960	15,950	2,380	33,990
1979	10,670	6,610	16,520	2,600	36,400
1980	13,910	7,820	20,990	3,290	46,010
1981	17,630	9,250	26,770	3,220	56,870
1982	15,750	7,940	25,290	2,820	51,800
1983	11,040	6,230	18,390	2,900	38,560
PERSONS					
Annual averages—					
1966-70	50,320	38,270	67,790	4,430	160,810
1971-75	33,670	24,500	47,660	3,870	109,690
1976-80	23,100	15,490	31,810	3,420	73,820
Annual totals—					
1978	21,050	14,410	29,760	3,210	68,420
1979	22,490	15,060	31,080	3,610	72,240
1980	29,260	19,830	40,750	4,660	94,500
1981	37,230	24,410	52,410	4,690	118,740
1982	33,660	20,120	49,250	4,140	107,170
1983	23,650	15,490	35,280	3,970	78,390

Language

In May 1983 the ABS conducted a survey throughout Australia of persons aged 15 years and over to obtain details of the languages they first spoke, their current usage of these languages and their understanding and usage of later acquired languages. Questions were also asked of the acquisition and use of English by persons whose first language spoken was a non-English language.

The survey indicated that there were an estimated 11,329,300 persons aged 15 years and over in Australia and of these 9,428,800 (83 per cent) spoke English as a first language. Of these, 1,225,800 persons (13 per cent) had acquired at least one non-English language by assimilation or education.

There were an estimated 1,703,400 persons for whom English was not a first language and of these 570,700 (33 per cent) had acquired at least one additional non-English language.

There were an estimated 1,900,400 person who first spoke a non-English language (of whom 197,400 spoke English plus a non-English first language). Of these persons, 73.4 per cent spoke the non-English language in the home and 86.7 per cent spoke it socially. 54 per cent of persons read in their non-English first language and 63.4 per cent wrote in that language.

Generally, persons who first spoke in a non-English language used English more frequently than they did their non-English first language. Overall, 86.7 per cent of persons spoke English in the home, 90.1 per cent spoke it socially, 84.3 per cent read in English and 70.9 per cent wrote in English.

The survey found that 3.5 per cent of persons with a non-English first language did not use English at all, 11.6 per cent could speak but did not read or write in English, and 7.1 per cent of persons no longer used their non-English first language.

Further information is available from the ABS publications *Language Survey, Australia May 1983* (Catalogue Number 4503.0) and *Language in Australia* (4504.0).

PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: LANGUAGES FIRST SPOKEN, WHETHER ENGLISH ACQUIRED AND NUMBER OF ACQUIRED NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1983

<i>Languages first spoken</i>	<i>Total persons</i>	<i>Number of acquired non-English languages</i>		
		<i>None</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Two or more</i>
		<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Persons with English as a language first spoken (a)	9,625,900	86.8	10.2	3.0
Persons with a non-English language only first spoken (b)	1,703,400	66.5	22.4	11.1
English acquired	1,656,400	66.0	22.7	11.3
English not acquired	47,000	84.5	13.6	*
Total	11,329,300	83.7	12.0	4.2

* Data suppressed due to high sampling variability.

(a) Includes 197,000 persons who spoke English and another language as their first languages.

(b) Includes 28,600 persons with two or more non-English first languages.

PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WITH A NON-ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAGE SPOKEN (a): LANGUAGE FIRST SPOKEN BY ENGLISH USAGE, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1983

<i>First language spoken other than English</i>	<i>Total persons</i>	<i>English spoken</i>				<i>English read</i>	<i>English written</i>
		<i>Home</i>	<i>Work (b)</i>	<i>Socially</i>	<i>Elsewhere</i>		
		<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Italian	440,800	84.6	92.8	88.7	93.7	80.2	62.9
Greek	227,200	84.5	94.5	86.6	95.1	75.8	60.6
German	165,600	96.0	97.9	99.0	99.2	98.0	88.7
Dutch	110,500	97.0	97.9	99.0	99.9	98.5	94.3
Polish	86,000	91.0	96.0	94.6	97.4	91.1	72.8
Chinese (c)	84,900	75.0	86.3	80.4	89.8	75.3	70.7
Arabic/Lebanese	77,600	79.7	90.7	79.0	91.0	71.9	58.0
Other Yugoslavian (c)	66,800	85.6	96.4	90.5	96.2	72.7	53.2
Croatian	65,800	90.3	95.3	90.8	98.0	85.2	60.0
Maltese	59,800	94.0	94.4	94.9	97.9	85.9	76.9
Spanish	56,500	76.7	90.4	84.3	92.0	83.5	66.0
French	54,700	91.9	94.4	95.8	97.7	96.5	89.9
Hungarian	37,000	88.5	97.6	89.2	95.8	90.0	73.5
Russian	27,500	80.2	94.4	83.6	92.3	86.4	70.3
Serbian	26,600	89.3	95.8	91.4	97.5	88.7	64.7
Vietnamese	24,500	56.2	73.8	71.3	86.9	66.3	56.1
Indian (c)	22,400	98.0	98.6	98.1	100.0	98.0	98.0
Turkish	20,300	68.0	87.5	73.2	89.7	52.3	32.3
Latvian	20,000	85.7	98.4	93.9	96.8	95.9	82.7
Other (d)	225,800	89.5	95.5	93.4	97.1	89.6	81.1
Total	1,900,400	86.7	94.1	90.1	95.5	84.3	70.9

Note: Persons may be counted in more than one column.

(a) Includes 197,000 persons who spoke English and another language as their first language.

(b) Proportion of persons in the labour force who used English at work.

(c) Includes all relevant dialects.

(d) All languages not elsewhere included.

**PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WITH A NON-ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAGE SPOKEN(a):
FIRST LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY USAGE OF THAT LANGUAGE, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1983**

First language spoken other than English	Total persons	Speaks the language				Reads in the language	Writes in the language
		Home	Work(b)	Socially	Elsewhere		
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Italian	440,800	81.9	48.0	94.0	60.9	64.1	61.7
Greek	227,200	89.8	49.6	95.4	67.2	78.2	76.9
German	165,600	48.2	20.4	72.1	28.3	62.3	59.2
Dutch	110,500	41.0	10.3	67.6	19.4	54.0	55.3
Polish	86,000	59.9	23.7	83.0	42.2	55.3	58.6
Chinese(c)	84,900	84.0	45.5	91.8	62.7	63.1	61.5
Arabic/Lebanese	77,600	92.5	34.3	94.6	59.5	65.1	64.2
Other Yugoslavian(c)	66,800	87.4	47.1	91.5	54.3	63.9	70.9
Croatian	65,800	80.3	36.6	93.5	55.8	67.1	73.3
Maltese	59,800	73.4	33.4	89.3	45.0	45.5	42.5
Spanish	56,500	81.0	35.5	84.6	49.6	75.4	75.3
French	54,700	65.9	17.3	80.5	33.7	71.3	64.6
Hungarian	37,000	66.4	27.5	84.3	41.4	59.0	62.3
Russian	27,500	67.4	22.4	85.9	53.5	58.3	59.8
Serbian	26,600	74.7	30.0	88.4	45.9	70.8	73.2
Vietnamese	24,500	96.7	58.0	95.8	73.5	94.2	97.5
Indian(c)	22,400	55.9	*	76.8	27.6	40.2	50.7
Turkish	20,300	96.8	59.1	98.9	68.5	80.6	77.5
Latvian	20,000	68.1	*	86.2	52.4	79.0	70.2
Other	225,800	62.4	20.5	77.9	40.6	55.2	55.2
Total	1,900,400	73.4	35.0	86.7	50.2	64.0	63.4

* Data suppressed due to high sampling variability.

Note: Persons may be counted in more than one column.

(a) Includes 197,000 persons who spoke English and another language as their first languages.

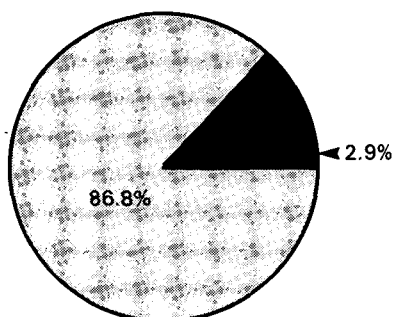
(b) Proportion of persons in the labour

force who use the language first spoken at work.

(c) Includes all relevant dialects.

(d) All languages not elsewhere included.

**ACQUISITION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES BY WHETHER ENGLISH
FIRST SPOKEN; AUSTRALIA, MAY 1983**



Persons with English as a
language first spoken



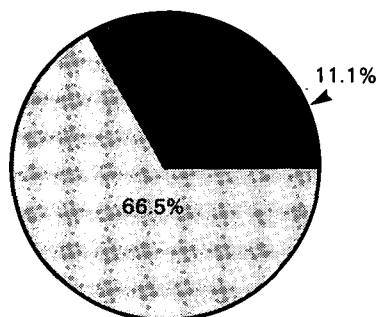
No acquired languages



One acquired non-English language



Two or more acquired non-English languages



Persons with a language other
than English first spoken